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Wm. J. F. Smith

The Hon. L. Smith

Saint George Tucker

Williamsburg

Virginia

Paid

Jan 13. 1818

Ordered, Hattly, Recom-  
= mending & try to  
forget all the bad habits,  
of the town but keep to the  
principles of her husband  
while, as well as known

Henry Morris  
Jan 16. 7 } 1815  
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Nov 22. }

~~Sir~~ Jan<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1818  
Sincerely gratified should we have been to  
see you & all your family my beloved Friend  
it was the first time I had ever dared hope for  
such an honor. methinks I should forget all  
past sorrows in the moment of shewing you  
my matchless boy - he is beauty and intel-  
ligence personified and says "Spanza Tucker  
most charmingly - he prattles by the hour -  
Oh my dear Sir - believe not that I am  
capable of doing wrong as a wife and mother  
I should then indeed, be unworthy of your  
Friendship - This day for the  
first time I have seen Jack's letter to me  
and a certified copy - it is dated October 21<sup>st</sup>  
and charges me with every species of crime  
he says Tudor told him in this house that he  
thought I had poisoned his father: that boy  
who for 12 weeks had been wholly dependant  
on me - and received every tender attention

his eastern D<sup>r</sup> had written us that he would  
not be controlled - and I was dreadfully afraid  
of offending him - besides feeling deeply for  
his sufferings - Gouverneur says "mama  
don't I do!" - So be sure I am not in spirits  
for it at present - The servant we kept  
some time after hearing his character (because  
Tudo gave me so much fatigue) is in  
Bridewell now - Jack says I turn  
my husband's servants away that my  
lewd amours may not be seen - The  
best we ever had are French - they  
went last Spring to try the City - came  
in now - begged to be taken - and are  
far better than ever - My husband, babe  
and self - are never one hour apart -  
Accept our cordial love for yourself - M<sup>rs</sup>  
Tucker - and Polly - God bless you -  
I shall write a little better the next time

Ever most gratefully and tenderly Yours  
A. Morris

*[The remainder of the page contains extremely faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.]*